

## Information Sheet for Engineering Undergraduate Students

### LAW SCHOOL SUB-MATRICULATION PROGRAM

Between the School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) and the School of Law  
University of Pennsylvania

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The Penn Law School offers an opportunity for qualified juniors in SEAS to apply early to the law school and sub-matriculate into the JD program beginning their fourth year. The details of this program are as follows:

- The program is designed primarily as a 3-year + 3-year accelerated program for qualified SEAS undergraduates. The student's fourth year at the University will be spent entirely at the Law School as part of the Law School's first year program. This program is open to either Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) or Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE) candidates.
- The Law School Admissions Committee will select students for admission as sub-matriculants. The rigorous selection process for the JD sub-matriculation program is designed to assure that each candidate is evaluated in terms of his/her academic promise and potential contribution to the intellectual life of the law school community. Applicants to the program should have superior communicative and analytical skills. The Admissions Committee considers factors such as the academic record, which includes course selection and grades, the LSAT score, letters of recommendation, community service, extra-curricular activities and the applicant's examples of written expression.
- LSAT scores will be required. Students should plan to take the LSAT no later than **December** of the junior year.
- Sub-matriculants will be allowed to use Law courses to satisfy the unrestricted Free Electives (3 CU) and the Social Science and Humanities requirements where appropriate.
- Students must satisfy all of the requirements for the JD degree during their fourth, fifth and sixth years. Following their matriculation in the law school, however, sub-matriculants may apply up to four (4) engineering or other 1 CU courses taken at the 500 level or above during the fifth and sixth years of the program, to double count for both degrees.
- Sub-matriculants may file for graduation from the undergraduate program at the end of the term in which they will have satisfied all requirements for the BSE or BAS degree from SEAS. Students may graduate with their original undergraduate class and participate in all graduation ceremonies if they complete all undergraduate degree requirements by the end of their fourth year. Otherwise, they may participate in the graduation ceremony in the year in which they complete their undergraduate degree. All students in the program must have completed all the requirements for the undergraduate degree before they may receive their law degree.
- Please note that for sub-matriculants, the primary school at Penn will be the Law School. As such, those who receive undergraduate financial aid will terminate their undergraduate aid package. However, sub-matriculants will be eligible to apply for graduate financial aid.

**The procedures for students interested in this opportunity are as follows:**

**First, with the SEAS Academic Programs Office:** Meet with Dr. John Keenan, SEAS Director of Faculty Advising, 111 Towne. Please to make an appt (keenan@seas) Please be prepared to discuss your interest in this program, during which time an up-to-date **Curriculum Planning Guide** should be completed and discussed. You must show how you will meet graduation requirements within the double-counting limitations described above.

**Second, with the Law School:** Obtain the Law School application packet from the Law School Admissions Office. Submit the completed application with all requested materials by **February 15**.

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**For additional information, please contact:**

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